

REMARKS

The Applicant does not believe that examination of the foregoing amendment will result in the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicant, respectfully, requests that the above amendment be entered in and that the claims to the present application, kindly, be reconsidered.

The Office dated May 31, 2006 has been received and considered. Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application for invention. Claims 1-20 were rejected by the May 31, 2006 Office Action. Claim 1 is objected to for a typographic error which has been corrected by the foregoing amendment to the claims.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 15-17 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,966,135 issued in the name of Roy (hereinafter referred to as Roy). The foregoing amendment has modified the rejected claims to define subject matter that existed prior the previous amendment. The Applicant, respectfully, asserts that there is no disclosure or suggestion for the subject image of returning a first co-ordinate parameter for the point selected.

Regarding Claim 1, the Examiner states that Roy at col. 11, lines 31-45 teaches a subject image within a browser, displaying an enlargement of the subject image in response to a user selecting a point on the subject image and displaying on that enlargement that point selected by the user (column 13, lines 25-29) and returning a point previously selected by the user as displayed on an enlargement of the subject image as a first co-ordinate parameter (at column 13, lines 41-46 and column 19, lines 16-17). The Applicant, respectfully, disagrees with the assertions contain in the Final Office Action. Column 19, lines 41-46 of Roy simply states that the user can zoom to selected map objects before going back to the previous zoom level and makes no disclosure or suggestion for using any selected point as a co-ordinate parameter. Column 19, lines 16-17 of Roy simply contains a statement related to Appendix B that "projection parameters if we support objects defined in coordinates other than lat/lon" that does not disclose or suggest using any selected point as a co-ordinate parameter.

The Examiner states that Roy at col. 12, lines 57-62 teaches the display of information relating to selected map objects through reports. The Applicant does not comprehend the correlation that the Examiner is attempting to make. The Applicant respectfully submits that there is no relevance between the subject matter defined by rejected Claim 1 and the display of

information relating to selected map objects through reports.

The Examiner further states that Roy at col. 5, lines 57-62 teaches defining object by co-ordinate values. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that Roy at col. 5, lines 57-62 teaches that an image is displayed using vector based data. Specifically, Roy at col. 5, lines 57-62 illustrates the display of objects relative to the X axis and the Y axis. There is no disclosure or suggestion relative to "returning the point previously selected by the user as displayed on the enlargement of the subject image as a first co-ordinate parameter."

In view of the foregoing, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

Regarding the rejection to Claim 3, the rejection asserts that col. 13, lines 25-29 and 41-44 of Roy teaches displaying a further enlargement of a previous enlargement of the subject image in response to a user selecting a point on that previous enlargement. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that there is no disclosure or suggestion for displaying a further enlargement of a previous enlargement of the subject image in response to a user selecting a point on that previous enlargement within Roy.

Claims 4-5 depend from and further narrow and define Claim 1. Therefore, since Claim 1 is believed to be allowable for the reasons previously stated, Claims 4-5 are also believed to be allowable.

Regarding Claim 6, the Examiner states that Roy at column 12, lines 54-56 teaches using a further point selected by the user as a second co-ordinate parameter. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that column 12, lines 54-56 of Roy states that additional map objects can be added to the group of previously selected map objects by holding down the <SHIFT> key during selection. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that simply selecting additional map objects does not result a further point selected by the user as a second co-ordinate parameter. There is no disclosure or suggestion within Roy for the further point to be used as a second co-ordinate parameter. Therefore, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

Claims 8-10 depend from and further narrow and define Claim 1. Therefore, since Claim 1 is believed to be allowable for the reasons previously stated, Claims 8-10 are also believed to be allowable.

Regarding Claim 13, the Examiner states that Roy at col. 11, lines 31-45 teaches a subject image within a browser, displaying an enlargement of the subject image in response to a user selecting a point on the subject image and displaying on that enlargement that point selected

by the user at column 13, lines 25-29 and identifying a point previously selected by the user as displayed on an enlargement of the subject image as a first co-ordinate parameter (at column 13, lines 41-46 and column 19, lines 16-17). The Applicant, respectfully, disagrees. Column 19, lines 41-46 of Roy simply states that the user can zoom to selected map objects and go back to the previous zoom level; which is not a disclosure or a suggestion for identifying a selected point as a co-ordinate parameter. It should be noted that the subject matter defined by Claim 13 identifies the point selected as displayed on the enlarged image. Roy simply states that the object is selected, not identified, and furthermore not identified as displayed. Column 19, lines 16-17 of Roy simply contains a statement related to Appendix B that "projection parameters if we support objects defined in coordinates other than lat/lon"; which also is not a disclosure or a suggestion for identifying the selected point as displayed as a co-ordinate parameter.

The Examiner states that Roy at col. 12, lines 57-62 teaches the display of information relating to selected map objects through reports. The Applicant does not comprehend the correlation that the Examiner is attempting to make. The Applicant respectfully submits that there is no relevance between the subject matter defined by rejected Claim 1 and the display of information relating to selected map objects through reports.

The Examiner further states that Roy at col. 5, lines 57-62 teaches defining object by co-ordinate values. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that Roy at col. 5, lines 57-62 teaches that an image is displayed using vector based data. Specifically, Roy at col. 5, lines 57-62 illustrates the display of objects relative to the X axis and the Y axis. There is no disclosure or suggestion relative to "returning the point previously selected by the user as displayed on the enlargement of the subject image as a first co-ordinate parameter."

In view of the foregoing, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

Regarding the rejection to Claim 15, the rejection asserts that col. 13, lines 25-29 and 41-44 of Roy teaches displaying a further enlargement of a previous enlargement of the subject image in response to a user selecting a point on that previous enlargement. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that there is no disclosure or suggestion for displaying a further enlargement of a previous enlargement of the subject image in response to a user selecting a point on that previous enlargement within Roy. Therefore, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

Claim 16 depends from and further narrows and defines Claim 13. Therefore,

since Claim 13 is believed to be allowable for the previously stated reasons, Claim 16 is also believed to be allowable.

Regarding Claim 17, the Examiner states that Roy at column 12, lines 54-56 teaches using a further point selected by the user as a second co-ordinate parameter. The Applicant, respectfully, points out that column 12, lines 54-56 of Roy states that when new map objects are chosen any previously chosen map objects are no longer chosen. There is no disclosure or suggestion within Roy for the further point to be used as a second co-ordinate parameter. Therefore, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

The Office Action rejects Claims 2 and 14 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Roy in view of UK. Application No. 2,344,037 by Smith (hereinafter referred to as Smith). This rejection is believed to be moot in view of the foregoing amendment to the claims.

Regarding Claim 2, the Examiner states that Roy teaches returning the point selected as displayed on the enlarged image of the subject image as a first co-ordinate parameter. As previously discussed, Roy does not return the point selected as displayed on the enlarged image of the subject image as a first co-ordinate parameter. The Examiner further states that Smith at page 5, lines 31-37 teaches returning a selected point at a co-ordinate parameter and displaying a reduction of a previous enlargement of the subject image in response to a single user input. The Applicant, respectfully, disagrees. Smith at page 5, lines 31-37 simply teaches a zoom out function and makes no mention of returning a selected point at a co-ordinate parameter and displaying a reduction of a previous enlargement of the subject image in response to a single user input. Therefore, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding Claim 14, the Examiner states that Roy identifying the point selected as displayed on the enlarged image of the subject image as a first co-ordinate parameter. As previously discussed, Roy does not identify the point selected as displayed on the enlarged image of the subject image as a first co-ordinate parameter. The Examiner further states that Smith at page 5, lines 31-37 teaches identifying a selected point at a co-ordinate parameter and displaying a reduction of a previous enlargement of the subject image in response to a single user input. The Applicant, respectfully, disagrees. Smith at page 5, lines 31-37 simply teaches a zoom out function and makes no mention of identifying a selected point at a co-ordinate parameter and

displaying a reduction of a previous enlargement of the subject image in response to a single user input. Therefore, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action rejects Claims 7, 11, 12 and 18-20 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Roy in view of U.S. Patent No. 6, 459, 986 issued in the name of Boyce (hereinafter referred to as Boyce). This rejection is believed to be moot in view of the foregoing amendment to the claims.

Regarding Claims 7 and 18, the Examiner states that Roy teaches returning (identifying) a first co-ordinate parameter and a further point selected by the user as a second co-ordinate parameter. As previously discussed, Roy does not disclose or suggest returning (identifying) a first co-ordinate parameter and a further point selected by the user as a second co-ordinate parameter. The Examiner further states that Boyce teaches a calculation for determining the distance between the first and second coordinates. The Applicant would like to point out that this rejection is taking the disclosure of Boyce completely out of context. Boyce teaches a routing system wherein the start and end locations are specified by the user. The system taught by Boyce eliminates routes and presents a list of suitable routes. The user selects a route and the system calculates a distance. Initially, the calculation of Boyce determines the distance between coordinates and vectors and not between the coordinates. Furthermore, the system of Boyce is far too complicated to operate in a manner as defined by the rejected claims. Boyce is not intended to operate in manner consistent with the subject matter defined by the rejected claims. Moreover, there is no calculation for determining the distance between the first and second coordinates made by Boyce.

The coordinates as defined by the rejected claims are not disclosed or suggested in either of the cited references. Therefore, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

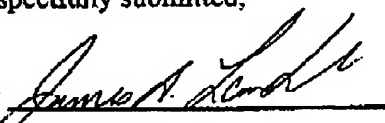
Claims 11, 12, 19 and 20, depend from claims that as previously discussed are believed to be allowable and further narrow and define these claims. Therefore, Claims 11, 12, 19 and 20 are also believed to be allowable.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Account No. 50-3745 for any fees associated with this request for Continued Examination, including extension fees, but excluding issue fees, and to credit any overpayments to the same account.

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